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## **Ho-Chunk Nation Purchases Beloit Property**

***Black River Falls, WI*** – The Ho-Chunk Nation has purchased the property in Beloit that had previously been targeted for the development of an off-reservation casino by two northern Wisconsin tribes. That casino application was rejected by the federal government in January of this year.

“The Ho-Chunk Nation has been and continues to be very interested in economic development opportunities in Beloit,” Ho-Chunk Nation Vice-President Daniel Brown said today. “The purchase of this property represents a significant step toward pursuing those opportunities.”

“We are looking forward to the chance to talk with local leaders about potential opportunities to bring jobs, economic development, and further investments to the Beloit area.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation is actively pursuing diversification of its business and recognizes the opportunities that the Beloit property and the local skilled workforce can play in its long-term goals.

Brown noted that the Ho-Chunk Nation maintains significant interest in a casino development in the area and remains the only tribal nation with a real opportunity to site a casino there. Not only do they already have an additional site guaranteed in their compact agreement with the State of Wisconsin and tribal land in reasonable proximity, they also have federally-recognized aboriginal ties to Beloit and the region, which is a critically important element of casino approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“The Ho-Chunk people are the aboriginal people of Kekac...today known as Beloit, and we take tremendous pride in that heritage,” Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland said today. “That makes for a natural partnership with the city and the region, and we are excited to explore all the possibilities.”

Vice-President Brown concluded: “This month, the Ho-Chunk Nation has put our money where our mouth is and made a significant investment in Beloit; and we look forward to continuing a conversation on how to build on that investment in the coming weeks and months.”

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